

Appl. No. 09/827,256  
Amendment dated August 2, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of May 18, 2005

PATENT

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 5, 11, 24, 25, 27, 32, 34, 35, 37-42, 45, 47, 48, 53, and 54 remain pending. Claims 17 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice solely to expedite issuance of this application.

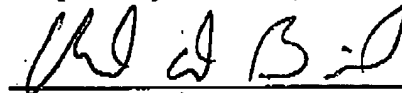
As all pending claims were allowed in the Office Action mailed on May 18, 2005, this case is now in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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